



RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

YEAR 1972



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1972

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the people of the District, and upon the work of the Health Department for the year 1972.

The vital statistics, whereby the health standards of a district are measured, were very good.

By any of the yardsticks employed, Rugeley comes out better than the country as a whole. The birth rate is higher, the death rate is lower, the still birth rate is lower, the infant death rate is lower, than the respective figures for England and Wales.

There is no doubt that health-wise Rugeley is flourishing.

However, there is some evidence of levelling off in the exuberance of Rugeley's growth.

The number of new persons moving into the district to live was less than in the immediately preceding two years.

The birth rate, while still half as great again as the National average, has fallen a few points, following National trends.

The natural increase, that is the margin of births over deaths, was also proportionately less.

The sum of these various changes is a total increase in population which is less than we have been seeing over the past few years.

The cumulative total is, of course, greater but the rate of increase is less.

The estimated mid year population for the District was 23,570, an increase of 1160 over last year's total of 22,410, but the increase of 1160 is to be compared with last year's (1971) increase of 1730.

The natural increase was 450 (465).

People moving into Rugeley to live were 710 (1265).

Total births were 585, that is 36 less than the preceding year's 621. This smaller number of births, related to a greater total population has produced a birth rate of 24.8, down from 27.7, and a corrected (for age structure) birth rate of 18.8

This last figure is the comparative birth rate, and is to be used in comparing Rugeley's rate with the National rate (14.8).

The still birth rate was 8 against the National figure of 12. The extent to which obstetric care, both pre and ante natal, has improved the safety of mother and child, may be gauged from the still birth rate, which this year is 8 still births per 1,000 total births, and twenty years ago in Rugeley was 39.

There were no maternal deaths for the 17th year in succession.

There were eight infant deaths, giving an infant mortality rate of 14 per thousand live births. (National rate 17).

There were two deaths from pneumonia (virus), one from atelektasis, one from prematurity, two from respiratory distress syndrome, and two from congenital abnormalities incompatible with life.

All these conditions are intractable with present resources, and deaths from such causes are inevitable.

There were 135 deaths in the Urban District during the year, giving an "uncorrected" death rate of 5.7 (down from 7.3).

After correction for the age and sex structure of the population, the comparative figure of 10.5 emerges, enabling comparison to be made with the National figure of 12.1.

Causes of death followed the usual pattern.

One half of the total resulted from degenerative conditions of the circulatory system. The large majority of these deaths occurred at advanced ages.

Cancer deaths were 16.3 per cent of total deaths, little different from the preceding year, and indeed cancer goes on steadily from year to year, taking its toll at about the same level.

Until some new understanding of cancer comes about, these rates are likely to go on.

After cancer, respiratory disease was the next most frequent cause of death, but nearly all of these were cases of chronic bronchitis, succumbing eventually at advanced ages.

Other categories were represented by only one or two examples.

1972 was a quiet year for infectious diseases.

It was remarkable more for those diseases which were absent, than for the few which did appear, each represented by only a few cases.

It was an inter-epidemic year for measles. Only 20 cases were notified, in sharp contrast to the immediately preceding year when there were 323. It is not likely that immunisation can take credit for this dramatic drop, as it is almost certain that it is simply part of the natural biennial pattern of the incidence of measles.

Only one case of whooping cough was notified in the whole year.

Even allowing for the fact that the diagnosis of whooping cough is difficult and often a matter of opinion, this near zero incidence is most encouraging.

Two cases of scarlet fever were notified. Both were isolated at home. The infection is short lived, thanks to effective treatment, and the complications so frequently associated with this disease in the past, seem now not to arise.

There was no poliomyelitis, no meningococcal meningitis, no food poisoning, no dysentery, and no infective hepatitis.

The control of infectious diseases is one of the major triumphs of medicine. So much is this so, that liberties are now taken with major diseases such as smallpox and cholera, which would have been unthinkable not so many years ago.

One new case of tuberculosis, in a 56 year old subject, was notified. All contacts have been traced, examined, and where necessary, immunised. No cases were removed from the register during the year, so this one new case increased the total from 20 to 21.

Routine checks on water supplies and upon food stuffs were carried out during the year. Laboratory tests on water were uniformly satisfactory, and those on food showed only minor deviations from the required standards.

During the year 213 houses and bungalows were erected.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the co-operation and help of colleagues, and to thank the Members of the Committee for their interest and support.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. Webster
Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL
CONDITIONS

Area of District	2,882 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	23,570
Rateable Value	£1,002,414
Number of houses inhabited at the end of 1972	6,711

LIVE BIRTHS

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	309	236	545
Illegitimate	24	16	40
TOTAL	333	252	585

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	24. 8
Illegitimate Live Birth Rate per cent of total births	7

Area Comparability Factor:

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is 0.76. This factor x Crude Live Birth Rate gives a standard Birth Rate for the District of 18. 8

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales	14. 8
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LIVE BIRTHS

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Legitimate	383	398	410	436	473	504	523	538	602	545
Illegitimate	26	14	12	18	22	23	40	26	19	40
Birth rate per thousand estimated resident population	28.56	27.21	26.62	27.51	29.4	28.7	29.1	27.3	27.7	24.8

STILL BIRTHS

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	3	5

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	8
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births (ENGLAND AND WALES)	12

STILL BIRTHS

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Legitimate	9	5	6	6	5	4	4	5	7	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Still Birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	21.53	11.99	16.31	13.4	12.12	9	7.1	9.0	11	8

DEATHS

Net detahs allocated to the District after allowing for inward and outward transfers.

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
70	65	135

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population 5.7

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is in this case 1.85. The Factor x Crude Death Rate gives a standard Death Rate of 10.5

Death Rate of ENGLAND AND WALES 12.1

MATERNAL MORTALITY

	<u>Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births</u>		
	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rugeley</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
Maternal Causes (excluding abortion)	-	0.00	0.01
Others due to abortion	-	0.00	0.00
	-	0.00	0.01

INFANT MORTALITY

	Actual Deaths	Rugeley Rate	England and Wales Rate
Deaths under one year of age:			
All infants per 1,000 live births	8	14	17
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	7	13	17
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	1	25	21
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	7	12	12
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	6	10	10
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	11	19	22

	Under 1 week	1 to 4 weeks	4 weeks to 1 year	Total deaths under 1 year of age
Enteritis	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	1	2
Meningitis	-	-	-	-
Congenital Abnormalities	-	1	-	1
Birth Injury etc.	2	-	-	2
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-	-	2
Meningeoccal Infection	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction	1	-	-	1
Infective and Parasite Diseases	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6	1	1	8

The estimated population, birth rate, Infant Mortality Rate (I.M.R.) and Maternal Mortality Rate (M.M.R) for the past ten years is as follows:

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Population	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500	16,850	18,350	19,320	20,680	22,410	23,570
Birth Rate	28.56	27.21	26.62	27.51	29.40	28.70	29.10	27.30	27.70	24.80
I.M. Rate	21.76	21.11	30.80	28.63	20.20	18.99	23.00	16.00	21.00	14.00
M.M. Rate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Death Rate	8.03	7.00	9.08	7.75	7.50	7.00	7.80	6.70	7.30	5.07

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL DEATHS IN 1971	% OF TOTAL DEATHS IN 1972
Heart Disease	25	21	46	29.63	34.6
Cancer	14	8	22	14.1	16.3
Cerebrovascular Disease	6	16	22	14.7	17.7
Bronchitis	6	3	9	9.2	6.6
Pneumonia	4	5	9	7.8	6.6

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1972

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1. Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	1	—
2. Malignant Neoplasm, Desophagus	2	—
3. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1
4. Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	1
5. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	3
6. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	1
7. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1
8. Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	1
9. Diabetes Mellitus	—	2
10. Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases	—	1
11. Anaemias	1	—
12. Hypertensive Disease	1	—
13. Ischaemic Heart Disease	22	17
14. Other forms of Heart Disease	3	4
15. Cerebrovascular Disease	6	16
16. Other diseases of Circulatory System	2	2
17. Pneumonia	4	5
18. Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	3
19. Other diseases of respiratory System	1	—
20. Peptic Ulcer	1	—
21. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1
22. Other diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	1
23. Other Complications of Pregnancy etc.	0	1
24. Congenital Anomalies	2	—
25. Birth Injury, Difficult Labout etc.	1	1
26. Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1
27. Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1
28. All other Accidents	—	1
TOTAL	70	65

NATURAL INCREASE - EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Births	409	412	422	454	495	527	563	569	628	585
Deaths	115	196	144	128	127	128	151	139	163	135
Natural Increase	294	306	278	326	368	399	412	430	465	450
Estimated Population	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500	16,850	18,350	19,320	20,680	22,410	23,570

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1				2
Measles	142	147	61	19	94	323	20
Whooping Cough	8	2			32	11	1
Acute Poliomyelitis							-
Paralytic	-	-					-
Non-Paralytic	-	-					-
Pneumonia	-	-	-				-
Acute Polio Encephalitis	-	-	-				-
Meningoccal Infection	-	-	-	2			-
Dysentary	5	1	6	3	1		-
Enteric Fevers	-	-					-
Food Poisoning	1	-	1	-	4	-	-
Puerperal Purexia	-	-	-			2	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-			1	-
Gastro Enteritis	-						-
Paratyphoid Fever							-
Cerebro Spinal Fever							-
Infective Jaundice				3		1	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE BY AGE GROUP

	Dysentery	Measles	Whooping Cough
Under 1 year	-	1	-
1 year	-	4	1
2 years	-	4	-
3 years	-	2	-
4 years	-	2	-
5 - 9 years	-	6	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	1	-
25 and over	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
<u>NEW CASES</u>											
Pulmonary	5	2	5	2	6	3	1	0	1	0	1
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	-
TOTAL	5	3	5	3	7	3	1	-	3	1	1

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER. The number of Tuberculosis cases on the Register on 31st December, 1972 was 21

	Pear Tree Ward	Hagley Ward	Ravenhill Ward	Brereton Ward	Wolseley Road Ward
Pulmonary	1	3	2	6	4
Non-Pulmonary	—	3	—	2	—
TOTAL	1	6	2	8	4

Additions to Register

PULMONARY

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No. Restores to Register 04

TOTAL

1

Deletions from Register

No. Died	0
No. Recovered	0
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
TOTAL	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

NON-PULMONARY

Additions to Register

No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. of Transfers IN	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. Restored to Register	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

NON-PULMONARY

Deletions from Register

No. Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

CANCERS

There were 22 deaths from cancer, 1 less than in the previous year. The following tables shows the trend over the last ten years.

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Deaths	13	15	26	22	16	24	18	30	23	22
Population	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500	16,850	18,350	19,320	20,680	22,410	23,570
Rate per 1,000 of the population	0.90	0.99	1.64	1.33	0.94	1.30	0.94	1.45	1.03	0.93

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my 42nd Annual Report, dealing with the work carried out in my Department during 1972.

DRAINAGE OF THE DISTRICT

Premises not within 100 feet of the sewer

There is no sewer available in Wolseley Road (Part) and Etching Hill (Part) where the closet accommodation is as follows:-

HEDNESFORD ROAD

2 premises

FORTESCUE LANE

1 premise with W.C. to Septic Tank

WOLSELEY ROAD AREA

36 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks

ETCHING HILL AREA

144 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks

2 premises with privy middens

SLITTING MILL AREA

New sewerage system has been installed by the Council and 24 premises have been converted to the new sewer.

SWIMMING BATHS

The Council have two paddling pools. Swimming baths are provided at three of the schools in the area.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) DRY HOUSE REFUSE

The whole of the refuse in the District is removed by the Council's workmen in two covered vehicles, normally once every week. The Council carry out Controlled Tipping at the Tip.

(b) CONTENTS OF PAIL CLOSETS, CESSPOOLS, ETC.

This is conveyed from the premises in a cesspool emptier. The pail closets are emptied once every week. Septic Tanks were emptied 167 times by the Council's workmen during the year.

HOUSING ACTS -- UNFIT HOUSES

AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOUSES CLOSED OR DEMOLISHED DURING THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS = 22 PER YEAR

UNFIT HOUSES REPRESENTED DURING THE YEAR

The following 4 separate dwellings were represented to the Council during the year as being in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation:--

No.s 1, 2, 3 and 4 Flats, "Westbrook", Taylors Lane Demolition Orders

HOUSES DEMOLISHED DURING THE YEAR

The following 22 houses were demolished within the District during the year:--

31 Elmore Lane	23 Queen Street
4 Queen Street	25 Queen Street
6 Queen Street	27 Queen Street
32 Queen Street	29 Queen Street
34 Queen Street	63 Queen Street
36 Queen Street	65 Queen Street
38 Queen Street	67 Queen Street
11 Queen Street	69 Queen Street
13 Queen Street	71 Queen Street
15 Queen Street	Ivy Cottage, Brereton
17 Queen Street	70 Church Street

In connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Scheme the tenants of the following 25 houses were re-housed during the year:--

9 Mossley	11 Forge Road
39 Elmore Lane	9 Queen Street
15 Queen Street	29 Queen Street
33 Queen Street	61 Queen Street
59 Queen Street	56 Queen Street
69 Queen Street	30 Queen Street
18 Queen Street	28 Queen Street
80 Queen Street	14 Queen Street
8 Queen Street	12 Queen Street
24 Queen Street	33 Elmore Lane
2 The Mount	35 Elmore Lane
3 Forge Road	70 Church Street
5 Forge Road	

UNFIT HOUSES STILL IN OCCUPATION AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

The following 5 houses (in respect of which the Council have put on Demolition Orders or Closing Orders, or accepted Undertakings not to re-let) are still in occupation:-

2 Mill Lane	15th February, 1961	Demolition Order
27 Station Road	8th November, 1966	Closing Order
8 The Mossley	October, 1969	Closing Order
No. 1 Flat, "Westbrook"	1972	Demolition Order
No. 3 Flat, "Westbrook"	1972	Demolition Order

UNFIT HOUSES NOT OCCUPIED AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

The following 29 houses are not occupied for human habitation but are subject to Clearance Orders, Demolition Orders or Undertakings not to re-let:-

1 The Mount	2nd December, 1970	Demolition Order
2 The Mount	2nd December, 1970	Demolition Order
3 The Mount	2nd December, 1970	Demolition Order
4 The Mount	2nd December, 1970	Demolition Order
5 The Mount	2nd December, 1970	Demolition Order
6 The Mount	2nd December, 1970	Demolition Order
7 The Mount	2nd December, 1970	Demolition Order
3 Mill Lane	15th February, 1961	Demolition Order
"Molineux" House, Glovers Hill	22nd November, 1955	Undertaking
28 Market Street, Owner undertook to submit improvement scheme		
30 Market Street, Owner undertook to submit improvement scheme		
37 Elmore Lane	3rd May, 1967	Demolition Order
41 Elmore Lane	3rd May, 1967	Demolition Order
33 Elmore Lane	3rd May, 1967	Demolition Order
Lower Birches Farm House	3rd April, 1954	Undertaking
42 Horse Fair		Undertaking
63 Queen Street	18th December, 1968	Closing Order
35 Elmore Lane	3rd May, 1967	Demolition Order
39 Elmore Lane	3rd May, 1967	Demolition Order
9 The Mossley	October, 1969	Closing Order
No. 2 Flat, "Westbrook"	1972	Demolition Order
No. 4 Flat, "Westbrook"	1972	Demolition Order
No.s 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 Forge Road	Closed on Council Purchase	

HOUSING ACT 1969

Discretionary Grants

12 applications were completed during the year. The grants paid totalled £7,507.15 for the completed work and the cost of the work involved was £19,942.

HOUSING ACT 1969

Standard Grants

8 applications were completed during the year. The grants paid totalled £1,980 for the completed work and the cost of the work involved was £4,097.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

During 1972 advances for house purchase and improvements was made in 58 cases.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS

	<u>No. of Visits</u>	<u>Nuisances complied with</u>
Dwelling Houses - Repairs	189	136 houses repaired
Dustbins	15	5 new bins provided
Blocked Drains	7	4 drains cleared
Cesspool nuisance	2	1 cesspool nuisance abated
Noise Abatement	3	Abated
Petroleum Regulations	20	4 contraventions remedied
Qualified Certificates	135	60 certificates issued
Caravans	10	
Dust nuisances	2	Representations resulted in improvements.
Smoke nuisance	8	
Travelling shops	3	
Brook Course	1	Improvement effected
Open spaces accumulations	12	3 nuisances abated
Disinfestation	11	5 houses made vermin free
Factory inspections	15	2 contraventions remedied
Offensive accumulations	6	Abated
Shops - Accident Investigation	1	Representations made to proprietor
Rodent Control	8	Reported to operator
Schools	1	
Digester Plant	14	Improvements effected
Piggery Sock Deposit	2	Representations made
Animals causing nuisance	9	Nuisance abated
Pet Shops	3	
Pet Boarding Establishment	1	
Food Premises	50	4 contraventions remedied
Food Investigations as a result of food delivered to me	56	12 legal proceedings taken - all successful
Burst water piping	10	5 nuisances abated
Inspection of Council Houses	225	5 Notices and 20 letters sent
Deposits on Flaxley Green Farm	8	Representations made

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS OR REGULATIONS

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this District. There are no underground sleeping places in the District. There are no bye-laws for: Houses-let-in-lodgings, tents, vans, sheds, etc., or lodgings and accommodation for Hop-pickers. There are bye-laws for dealing with offensive trades. There is one offensive trade in the District. There are bye-laws for the control of markets and also there are bye-laws in respect of the business of barbers and hairdressers.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Up to 31st December, 1972 a total of 161 premises had been registered under the above Act. The premises comprise those mentioned overleaf.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>No. of Persons employed</u>	<u>No. of inspections during the year</u>
Offices	45	215	23
Retail Shops	94	499	41
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	6	22	2
Catering Establishments and Canteens	15	77	15
Fuel Storage Depots	1	3	0
	<u>161</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>81</u>

NOTIFICATIONS OF ACCIDENTS

One accident was reported and investigated during the year.

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND AND REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR

Cleanliness	.. .. .	-
Overcrowding	.. .. .	-
Temperature	.. .. .	2
Ventilation	.. .. .	-
Lighting	.. .. .	-
Sanitary convenience	.. .. .	2
Washing facilities	.. .. .	-
Supply of drinking water	.. .. .	-
Sitting facilities	.. .. .	-
Seating (sedentary workers)	.. .. .	-
Eating facilities	.. .. .	-
Floors, passages, stairs	.. .. .	-
Exposed machinery	.. .. .	-
Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	.. .. .	-
Prohibition of heavy work	.. .. .	-
First Aid	.. .. .	-
		-
	Total	4

RAG, FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises in the District which are controllable by the Council under the Act, viz., Registered Premises where filling materials are used in the manufacturing of bedding, toys, upholstery, etc., or Licensed Premises, where rag flock is (a) manufactured or (b) stored for distribution to Registered Premises.

RODENT CONTROL

The work of dealing with infestations has been carried out throughout the year by Rentokil Limited.

7 visits were spend on treating the Council's property such as sewage works, refuse tips, etc., 165 visits were spent at private houses, canal banks, hedge rows, etc. and 27 visits covering 12 hours were spent on either rechargeable work at business premises or the general inspection of business premises.

SCHOOLS

All schools in the District are now on the water carriage system. The water supply to all the schools is received from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Main.

HOUSING

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES

INSPECTION

- (1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Act or Housing Acts 140
- Number of inspections made for that purpose 197
- (2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as being unfit for human habitation and not capable of being made fit at a reasonable cost 4

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defected dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 136

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

HOUSES CLOSED OR DEMOLISHED

(a) Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957

- (1) Demolished as a result of Clearance Orders (Section 42) 0
- (2) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 17) 22
- (3) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 16 and still in force 0
- (4) Parts of buildings closed (Section 18) 0

(b) Proceedings under Housing Act, 1949, closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 3 0

(c) Proceedings under Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act, 1953, Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sections 10 and 11 0

(d) Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957 closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 17 0

REPAIRS

(a) Proceedings under Public Health Acts, houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

(1) By Owners 5

(2) By Local Authority in default 0

(b) Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957 houses made fit after service of formal notices.

(1) By Owners 0

(2) By Local Authority in default 0

CARAVANS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There is a caravan site for 12 caravans licensed under the above Act within the Urban District.

No nuisance has resulted from these caravans during the year. The person holding the site licence is:-

Mr. R. Gater, Love Lane, Rugeley - 12 caravans

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

Supermarkets	9
Combined Fruit, Vegetable and Wet Fish Shops	4
Butchers Shops	15
Residential Hotels and Licenced Restuarants	3
Cafes	3
Licenced Restaurant	1
Bakehouses	1
Takeaway Chinese Food	1
Fried Fish Shops	4
General Shops for Sale of Sweets, Grocery, Fruit and Vegetables ..	20
Sweet Shops	7
Cake Shops	5
Fruit and Vegetable Shops	5
School Canteens	13
Public Houses	25
Chemists	4
Works Canteens	4
Private Clubs, etc.	11

All these premises comply with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970.

2. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

During the year legal proceedings were taken in the following cases:-

<u>Food</u>	<u>Foreign Body</u>	<u>Amount Paid by Manufacturers or Retailers in Fines and Costs</u>	
Bacon	Maggots	£10 Fine	£42.22 Costs
Pork Pie	Mould	£10 Fine	£28 Costs
Cocoa	Cocoa Moth	£40 Fine	£15 Costs
Tomatoes	Mould	£25 Fine	£14 Costs
Beer	Mould	£25 Fine	£17 Costs
Pineapple	Insect	£10 Fine	£15 Costs
Crisps	Cotton Fibre	£10 Fine	£15 Costs
Pie	Mould	£30 Fine	£16 Costs
Tomatoes	Grub	£15 Fine	£16 Costs
Butter	Mould	£8 Fine	£14 Costs
Bread	Staining	£17 Fine	£32 Costs
Cake	Mould	£5 Fine	£16.40 Costs

3. PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938
AND THE ICE-CREAM REGULATIONS

- (a) For the preparation or manufacture of cooked meats, etc. 14
- (b) For the manufacture of ice-cream by hot mix 0
- (c) For the manufacture of ice-cream by cold mix 0
- (d) For the sale and storage of ice cream only. Such
ice-cream being purchased from the leading manufacturers 63

All comply with the Act and Regulations.

4. METHODS OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODS

- (a) Meat Unfit meat is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of
the Meat (Sterilization) Regulations, 1969.
- (b) Other Tins pierced, jars etc. broken. Contents of same and other foods
Foods buried at refuse tip.

5. The following was found to be unfit for human consumption:-

General Foods

77 tins of vegetables, 3 tins of fish, 30 tins of fruit, 2 tins of treacle,
1 tin of cream, 1 jelly, 1 tin of soup, 1 jar of marmalade, 2 tins of meat,
1 packet of stuffing, 18 tins of oranges, 10 chickens, 4 lamb chops,
1 stone of Herring melt, 76lb. of frozen eggs and 39lb. of cod.

Frozen Foods

43 steak and kidney pies, 29 chicken pies, 1 lamb casserole, 33 packs of
Haddock, 119 packs of Cod, 18 packs of Plaice, 6 fish cakes, 12 packs of
fish and chips, 12 packs of Hake, 16 packs of chicken rissoles, 48 packs
of sprouts, 1 beef dinner, 41 grillburgers, 20 porkburgers, 143 beefburgers,

33 taggets, 29 rissoles, 23 packs of pastry, 7 cakes, 3 packs of beef stew, 6 packs of roast pork, 8 packs of braised kidney, 24 roast chickens, 2 steaklets, 25 trifles, 6 packs of pastry, 2 cartons of yogurt, 92 packs of beans, 3 sponges, 2 packs of sprouts, 222 packs of peas, 34 packs of braised beef, 329 packets of mousse, 131 packs of ice-cream, 14 chickens, 4 Yorkshire puddings and 9 packs of celery.

6. ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS 1947-1952

It will be seen that no ice-cream is now manufactured in the District by either hot or cold mix.

7. POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the District.

MEAT INSPECTION CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	<u>CATTLE</u> <u>EXC.</u> <u>COWS</u>	<u>COWS</u>	<u>CALVES</u>	<u>SHEEP</u> <u>AND</u> <u>LAMBS</u>	<u>PIGS</u>
Number slaughtered	4	30	1	6	0
Number inspected	4	30	1	6	0
<u>All Diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis and</u> <u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	0	13	1	1	0
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	0	5	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticercosis	0	60.0	100	16.6	0
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Cysticercosis only</u>					
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0

The condemned figures are on the high side because our only Slaughterhouse is a casualty station for the emergency slaughter of animals from the districts surrounding Rugeley. It is also used by the Ministry of Agriculture Inspectors for the slaughter of animals under the T.B. Order.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND KNACKER'S YARD.
Food and Drugs Act, 1955 Section 62

There is one slaughterhouse and one Knacker's yard licensed under the above Act within the District. They are as follows:-

Slaughterhouse, Love Lane	Owner: A. Parker & Sons Limited
Knacker's Yard, Power Station Road	Owner: A. Parker & Sons Limited

SLAUGHTERMEN
Slaughter of Animals Act 1933 and 1951

Mr. G. Parker	58 New Road, Armitage
Mr. P. Parker	Upper Way, Upper Lengen Rugeley
Mr. F. Southwell	4 Leathermill Lane, Rugeley
Mr. R.M. Walker	1 Love Lane, Rugeley

WATER SUPPLY

The water is supplied by the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company. This supply has been satisfactory (a) in quality and (b) in quantity.

In addition to the samples we submit to the County Analyst and County Bacteriologist, the Waterworks Company take frequent samples of the raw water for bacteriological and chemical examination (a) before treatment (b) after treatment and (c) from taps in our District.

The supply is a constant one, and does not have a plumbe-solvent action.

All the dwelling houses, etc., in the District are supplied from the public mains, and the supply in each case is directly over the sink.

The following are reports of samples of the Council's Public Water Supply:-

ANALYST'S REPORT

pH Value	.. .. .	7.0	Parts per million
Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C)	.. .. .		p.p.m.
Solids in Suspension (After Ignition)	.. .. .		p.p.m.
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C)	.. .. .	400	p.p.m.
Chlorides (as Cl)	.. .. .	60	p.p.m.
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	.. .. .	230	p.p.m.
Total Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	.. .. .	136	p.p.m.
Carbonate Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	.. .. .	136	p.p.m.
Non-Carbonate Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	.. .. .	94	p.p.m.
Excess Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	.. .. .	Nil	p.p.m.
Free Ammonia	.. .. .	0.01	p.p.m.
Albuminoid Ammonia	.. .. .	0.03	p.p.m.
Nitrate Nitrogen	.. .. .	7.0	p.p.m.

Nitrite Nitrogen	.. .. .	Nil	p.p.m.
Oxygen Absorbed in 4 hrs. at 27°C	.. .. .	0 10	p.p.m.
Oxygen Absorbed in 15 min. at 27°C	.. .. .		p.p.m.
Dissolved Oxygen	.. .. .		p.p.m.
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	.. .. .		p.p.m.
Fluoride (as F)	.. .. .		p.p.m.
Free Residual Chlorine	.. .. .	Nil	p.p.m.
Total Residual Chlorine	.. .. .	Nil	p.p.m.
Incubation Test	.. .. .	
Metals (p.p.m.)	Zinc - Nil Copper - 0.07 Iron - 0.04 Lead - Nil		
Opinion: Satisfactory Chemical Quality			

BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT

Plate Count 24 hours at 37°C	- Nil
Probable number of coliform bacilli	- one per 100 ml.
Probable number of Esch. coli. (Type 1)	- Nil per 100 ml.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 AND 1936
Petroleum (Mixtures) Order 1929

Licences were granted subject to the licensees complying with the Council's regulations. The premises licensed within the Urban District are listed below:-

Garage, Brereton Road - Messrs. J. Edwards and Son	.. .. .	12,050 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road - Messrs. J.S. Pendlebury and Son	.. .. .	9,000 gallons
Garage, Anson Street - C.J. Sargeant, Esq.	.. .. .	1,000 gallons
Garage, Market Street - Rugeley Motors	.. .. .	9,000 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road - S. Cubley, Esq.	.. .. .	13,500 gallons
Garage, Armitage Road - Lea Hall Garage	.. .. .	6,020 gallons
Garage, Elmore Lane - Messrs. N.A. & C.J. Whieldon	.. .. .	1,000 gallons
Thorn Automation, Ravenhill	.. .. .	600 gallons
Walsall Co-operative Society Limited	.. .. .	750 gallons
Staffordshire Fire Brigade, Taylors Lane	.. .. .	20 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Richardson Transport	.. .. .	9,000 gallons
Petrol Service, Springfield Estate, Richardsons Transport	.. .. .	12,000 gallons
Lea Hall Colliery	.. .. .	1,200 gallons
Midway Service Station	.. .. .	14,000 gallons
Imperial Garage, Armitage Road	.. .. .	22,000 gallons
J.R. Hindley & Son Limited, Wharf Road	.. .. .	1,000 gallons
Rugeley Urban District Council, Forge Road	.. .. .	500 gallons
Staffordshire Ambulance Station, Sheep Fair	.. .. .	1,000 gallons
Central Electricity Generating Board, Rugeley 'B' Station	.. .. .	12 gallons

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The deposit and lead peroxide gauges were first put into operation in 1954.
The following results were obtained:--

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Soid Deposit</u> <u>Monthly Average Tons</u> <u>per Sq. Mile</u>	<u>Sulphur Dioxide</u> <u>Daily Average</u> <u>m.g. of S.O.₂</u> <u>Collected by 100</u> <u>Sq. m.</u>
1954	12.11	1.00
1955	9.63	1.01
1956	8.98	0.87
1957	7.73	0.77
1958	8.85	0.84
1959	7.56	0.91
1960	8.31	0.86
1961	10.28	0.77
1962	8.48	0.99
1963	9.58	0.85
1964	13.55	0.92
1965	14.09	0.61
1966	15.49	0.62
1967	9.95	0.57
1968	15.95	0.60
1969	15.05	0.71
1970	16.04	0.69
1971	16.05	0.61
1972	11.46	0.58

INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISION AS TO HEALTH

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	1	15	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out Workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	15	-	-

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which proce- dures were instigated
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	By H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Lack of conveniences	0	0	0	0	0
a) Insufficient	3	3	0	0	0
b) Inadequate	0	0	0	0	0
c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	3	0	0	0

OUTWORKERS - NIL

I have the honour to be,
your obedient servant.

J.T.G. CRADDOCK

Chief Public Health Inspector

